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CHURCH UNION

The Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church, when in Winnipeg recently, gave an interview on the subject of Church Union. The Doctor was very frank in his statements, declaring that the Methodist Church was ready for union with the Presbyterian Church when it made up its mind to unite with it. He also made the interesting statement that he had been approached by representatives of the Anglican and Baptist churches, who had discussed with him the possibility of union with their churches. The Doctor's statement, which will be of interest to most people, is that "the views are not yet formed."

"The Methodist Church thoroughly believes in organic union, not only as settling the Canadian problem in the most satisfactory way, but also as contributing to the larger union of religious forces as viewed from a world standpoint. When we discovered that the Presbyterian Church had made domestic difficulties in relation to organic union between the Presbyterian, Congregational and Baptist churches, and that the Presbyterian church had decided not to discuss it further until the second assembly after the close of the war we appreciated their difficulties and respected their wishes to the extent of refraining from discussion of the issue even in our own church. The Methodist Church," he declared, "is ready to recognize when the Presbyterians make the first move, and we conceive it their place to do. We shall not, however, push the matter in any way. Our interest entirely is to promote the Kingdom of God."

Continuing, the doctor declared that "We do not need union for any financial reason. We are blessed in this country with a large body of educated laymen gifted with remarkable practical efficiency, who give of their best endeavor, not only to the church, but to public service at large. We have the question of a union of the three bodies is reopened we desire that it should be closed as quickly as possible, inasmuch as prolonged discussion results in a loss of momentum. It is injurious not only to our own church, but to the interests of a religion in Canada regarded as a whole."

"With reference to the wider union mentioned by him, he said: "I have been asked by ecclesiastical dignitaries who spoke with authority whether our church would be prepared to have conference regarding a large union embracing both the Anglican and Baptist churches. My reply to that question was that we would be glad to be better to consummate the union already begun, and that we would be glad to be free from the burden which is believed to be now almost accomplished, before entering on the consideration of the wider union in my conviction, however, that the day after the Presbyterians negotiate union it becomes a reality, and that we will then be prepared upon equal terms to discuss the possibility of a wider union."

Dealing with Dr. Chown's statement, the Presbyterian Minister of Westminster, this week, says that:

In a recent interview, Dr. S. D. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church, referred to the present standing of the Church Union question. He remarked that the Methodist Church was ready to unite with the Presbyterians and Congregationalists upon the terms proposed by the latter, waiting for the Presbyterians to take the first step.

When will that step be taken? Overtures are to come before the opening Assembly session is hastened; but under the terms of the agreement arrived at in 1916 and continued in 1917 it does not appear that there can be any definite action before the Assembly of 1921. There will be general sympathy with Dr. Chown's view that when the question of union is opened it should be brought to a conclusion as quickly as possible. Another prolonged discussion could only result in injury to the interests of religion.

So far as the Presbyterian Church is concerned the Hamilton has lain dormant since it was last before the General Assembly, as was the intention at the time that it should not be brought up again until it was decided. There was a pretty strong minority against the union then. Whether since then it has increased or decreased we do not know. There is a growing trend, however, among all the churches to a closer relationship.

LOYD GEORGE WINS AGAIN

Coalition Unionist candidates were on Thursday declared elected in South and South Edinburgh, Scotland, by considerable majorities, showing that Premier Lloyd George has yet some "kick left" in him. Mr. Paine, a Liberal, the Coalition candidate, was defeated by his opponents in North Edinburgh, the Hon. Walter Runciman, a prominent Scotchman and Liberal, and a former candidate, in Glasgow. The "winner," Mr. C. D. Murray, had a Liberal running against him. Labor is very strong in South Edinburgh, but the candidates are all Coalition. It may be that the average Scotchman is beginning to be afraid of the radical policies being advocated by the workmen and it

may be that the Irish question has something to do with the matter. The Scotch, as a rule, are intensely loyal and patriotic, and although they are anxious to see the Irish question settled, they are not anxious to see the Empire disrupted.

Mr. Ford, the successful candidate in the North riding of Edinburgh, is the son of an old Scottish family associated with "The Trade," and was selected to contest the division on behalf of the Conservatives, the Liberal Unionist Party. He gave his heartiest support in returning him as a Coalitionist in support of the Lloyd George government. Mr. Ford is not a novice as a candidate, although a seat at Westminster has not until now fallen to him. A traveled and affable gentleman and capable counsel, he unsuccessfully contested two elections in Edinburgh and one in the Inverness Burghs. Twice distasteful to the Edinburgh Academy, afterwards graduating, he was called to the Scottish Bar in 1907. During the war he was in the communication in command on Highlanders, becoming eventually an intelligence officer under the Scottish Command. He has done excellent work in connection with the Prince of Wales, and has been a member of the Scottish War Savings Committee.

His policy is outlined best in a whole-hearted support of Mr. Lloyd George in his desire to bring the country out of its present turbulent state as quickly and effectively as the inevitable results of war will permit. Anxious for the reduction of living costs, Mr. Ford sees the necessity of heavy expenditures justified: first, by our duty to the dependents of soldiers and the soldiers themselves; secondly, by the national security in shorter working hours, and a general rise in the standard of living; and lastly, in the gradual reduction of subsidies. For the sake of Ulster, Ireland must remain in the Union; while temperance legislation must be according to the wishes of the people, is Mr. Ford's view of the matter.

Lloyd George has made several notable gains in the recent by-elections which will encourage him to carry on. The country would like to see him do better towards reconciling Ireland and bringing Germany to terms before he throws up the reins of Government.

SINGLE TAX BILL

The Single Taxers have succeeded in gaining the ear of Premier Drury. The Government has brought in a bill granting local option to municipalities as to how they will raise their taxes. The bill was given its second reading. It allows them to impose taxes on improvements, income and business, if the ratepayers so decide, but it will provide safeguards by requiring a reduction on a graduated scale. The initiative is placed in the hands of the ratepayers themselves. In ten per cent. of those who voted in the recent municipal election, a petition for a vote on the question, it must be submitted to the people, and if approved by a majority of the voters, the council must pass the by-law demanded.

The Act permits a reduction of ten per cent. but not more than 25 per cent. in the first year, and similar amounts each succeeding year, until the whole of the assessed value is upon the land. The same principle is applied to taking the backward step, if it becomes a reality, and that we will then be prepared upon equal terms to discuss the possibility of a wider union."

AN INTERESTING CEREMONY

The people of Hamilton need no longer have any fear of the scarcity of their water supply. The new turbine pump, which was installed at the Beach pumping station yesterday after an assurance of a plentiful supply. It is calculated that the whole battery of engines now in operation there is capable of sending fifty million gallons of water to the city every twenty-four hours. The ceremony of starting the turbines yesterday was made doubly interesting by the presence of the Mayor, who had the honor of turning the wheel which started the engines at work. It was a ceremony which recalled that which took place sixty years ago, when the water at the first turbine was started. The following is the program of the day: The inauguration of Hamilton's first waterworks.

At the luncheon following the inauguration of the turbines, Mr. Brown gave a wonderfully interesting address in reference to the original ceremony. He told of how the then Prince of Wales, the grandfather of the present King, and Mr. John M. Gibson, the best scholar in the public schools at that time, and had chosen to turn the first water tap in the city. Mr. Brown was chairman of the Water Commission at the time and was the main instrument in getting a water supply for the citizens.

Mr. Adam Brown seems to be especially favored of the water, as he did much work for Hamilton, and this city has in many ways honored him for what he has done. In all the walks of life and activities he has been

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a prominent leader, and he is still actively engaged in furthering whatever he considers is for the good of the city. We commend his address to the attention of our readers.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Get ready for clean-up week.

So far Mars has given no sign that she knows we are here.

Even Parliament proposes to observe daylight saving time.

The Star campaign should have a whirlwind wind-up this evening.

The overall crane has petered out. Do not stop your ears to the appeal of the Jews.

Does East Hamilton want stronger beer to drink?

Whatever the transgressions of her rulers, Russia needs help to get on her feet again.

The Toronto women have banded themselves together to fight the high cost of existence. The price must come down, a their slogan.

The coming of the Irish Home Rule bill is placed in the hands of the Irish people the better. Let them work out their own salvation.

The Tigers are out on the boards as they are on the field. These great shows they put on. If they don't watch out they may get into the movies.

United States cities are to have a "Ship by Truck Good Roads Week." We see in this a deep menace to Sir Adam Binks' race.

Ontario is apparently the only Province in the world where the Federal law is not sufficient to give her permission to hold a referendum. Other Provinces are to hold such.

The property qualification necessary to vote for money by-laws will not be disturbed by the Legislature. This may be a relief to the ratepayers, as Mr. Rollo, Mr. Roney, Mr. Dewar and Mr. Ferguson evidently prefer mud.

A bill was before the Legislature recently compelling the sons and daughters of industrialists to accept military training for maintenance. If it has been signed by the Lieutenant-Governor it can be put in force to bring that kind of people to line.

Mr. Chamberlain told the Imperial Parliament that the unprecedented use of tobacco in Great Britain was due to the fact that the women were using a lot of the weed. So far the ladies have made no particular run to the tobacco stores in this city.

The made-in-Hamilton trip through the West by Hamilton manufacturers, if properly gone into, should be a big advertisement for the Hamilton manufacturers. There should be a little more old country publicity for this city. Even Ottawa is better known over there than this city.

St. George's Day was honored yesterday all over the world where Englishmen are to be found. The following is the way it was celebrated more of the earth than it ever did before. The sons of St. George have a good reason to be proud of the grand and to jubilate on this anniversary.

Premier Drury made a mistake when he allowed his Minister-General to play a sharp trick on the Labor members by introducing and forcing through committee a bill to destroy the force of Toronto's early closing by-law. Mr. Curry's bill makes it legal for the fruit stores to keep open as late as they choose, the plea being that the fruit will be destroyed if they had not an immediate sale. He was backed in this by the fruit growers and by the farmers in the House. Mr. Kelly, the Minister-General, was against this action to overrule the municipal by-law and taunted the Government with being a class Government if it passed the bill.

OTHER PAPERS VIEWS

DOES US NO GOOD.
(Mississippi Journal.)
The law is now being passed that, as is the owner of the child.

A HOT SUMMER.
(Baltimore American.)
With a prospect and the highest coal prices in history, the consumer is going to be a hot summer.

STILL FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING.
(Birmingham Post.)
There may have been some heavy snow but no one has yet knocked the daylight saving out of the window.

WHEN THEY WOULD AID.
(Buffalo Courier.)
If ever they are really to be a first aid in the case of a fire, they will be worn an hour or so every day in the case of a fire.

VERY POOR POLITICS.
(Galt Reporter.)
MacKenzie King's explanation of his work during the last session of the House of Commons was a very poor effort of closing the mouths of his critics.

UNFORTUNATE, BUT TRUE.
(Johnstown Post, Democrat.)
It is very hard to find a place to build a home in the modern city, but it is also a pity that the city is not doing a better moving picture theatre.

ANOTHER GOOD EXCUSE.
(Baltimore Post.)
After reading the account of a man who had been working in a coal mine for some time, it is not surprising that he should be so tired.

NO CHANCE AT ALL.
(Birmingham Post.)
It is impossible for the members of parliament at Ottawa are in favor of the House of Commons to be elected in the next election.

EVER THE TRUE GENTLEMAN.
(Philadelphia Record.)
Nobody ever believed that King George had the discourteous remarks about his wife's behavior in the House of Commons. He has been a true gentleman all his life.

THE END OF THE HOUR.
(London Free Press.)
There is a general opinion that "pass the buck" to the workmen as the Russian Imperial family, have arrived in the Russian Empire.

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His middle name is "pop" and the nicotine bird, the excuse champion, and the clock-watcher can't understand him.



The clock-watcher —
The only action that interests him is the movement of the hands on the time-piece.



The love-sick maid.
She sighs an' space-gazes, an' shaves her eyebrows, an' pencils her lashes, an' rouges her cheeks, an' uses a lipstick an' everything.



The grouchy chief —
...those clerks suffer more from his dyspepsia than he does.



The candy kids —
They have to have morning and afternoon intermission.



The excuse champion. —
Late about three mornings a week and as an excuse inventor can make a poker playing husband gasp for breath.



He's got all of their numbers. He begins where a personal efficiency expert and the ouija board leave off.



The nicotine bird. — he has to slip out of the coop at frequent intervals to inhale the dope.

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